



# Talent!



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## Chapter 1 by Zane

Talent is cheaper than table salt. What separates the talented individual from the successful one is a lot of hard work."

## Chapter 2 by R



I was never a big fan of Stephen King. Yeah, he's a good writer, but I could never get into his stuff. I certainly couldn't buy the quote.

I've always been talent, and let me tell you, talent isn't cheap. It's rare. Most people let it go to waste, never explored the depths of it. That was something I'd learned quick. You couldn't call possibility talent. Talent was acknowledging yourself. You could almost say it was hard work.

Except for the fact I was as procrastinating as they come.

Here's what separates talent from hard work: one of them is easy, and the other hard. They both have to work, but the hard worker is more likely to fail, more likely to give up, more likely to kill themselves from stress.

(I know a girl who hasn't slept in her bed in months. She just lies there across her desk, and drinks more coffee than she should. If she doesn't wind up dead, she's going to change the world.)

Here's what defines success: it only shows up for those who want it. Not for everyone who wants it ~~but there's no one successful who hasn't wanted it~~

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But enough of all that ranting. Nice to meet you. My name's Rose. I've got natural talent, loads of it, and they say I'm a super genius.

This, this is what I do with all of that.

### Chapter 3 by Jess Ash



I knit.

Now I know what you're thinking. "Hold up Rose, didn't you say you were a super genius? Isn't painting kind of a waste?" And I say, first of all, friend, I did tell you I was a procrastinator. I mean, what did you expect? Some 16-year-old who's already graduated college and is off to make superheros come to life? You've got the wrong person my friend. The only thing I'm bringing to life is the sourdough bread starter that's sitting on the counter.

Second, there are different types of genius. Most people agree that Albert Einstein was a genius in his field. Mozart was a genius in his. Both totally different types of genius. Don't let me lead you astray here, though. I'm a genius in math, not knitting. But it sure does help pass the time. Plus, I've knitted enough things to get me through all manner of gift-giving holidays for the next six years.

And third, it's none of your business anyway. So what if I want to do what makes me happy? So what if I want to relax? Just because I'm good at math doesn't mean I love it. I mean, it's not the worst subject, but it's definitely not the best.

Everyone always tells me that I should go into math, but I really just don't like it enough to spend the rest of my life doing it. There are enough dedicated people out there who actually like it. Save the positions for them, I say.

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